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be compromised or mitigated by the commission prior to a hearing. It says that in determining the amount of the penalty they consider the appropriateness, in light of the gravity of the violation, and the good faith of the violator. Now, much has been made about \$10,000, but, I tell you, we're dealing...we're dealing with an industry here that...that deals in an awful lot of money and it's very, very big business. The...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...the authority in the DEQ area on a livestock operation is up to \$10,000 per violation. So we're talking about a livestock operation possibly getting a \$10,000 fine. We're talking about US West, who grossed last year \$473 million, \$1.3 million a day. I don't know if a \$10,000 a day fine is enough, but I hope that it is and I think it's a place to start and I think this is good policy and I would ask for the body's support. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bromm. The question is the adoption of FA301 to LB 1285. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 4 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the...of a portion of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: FA301 is agreed to. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, thank you. Your Committee on Health and Human Services reports LB 1029 to General File; Senator Thompson, an amendment to LB 1243 to be printed; Senator Chambers to LB 1004. That's all that I had, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 856-861.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move that LB 510 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.